

**TONOPAH TOWN BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 28, 2014**

Tonopah Town Board Chairman Horace Carlyle called the meeting to order May 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Also present was Duane Downing, Janet Hatch and Tom Seley. Chairman Carlyle led in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were ten others in attendance.

The Town Board recessed to the Library Board of Trustees at 7:36 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 7:45 p.m.

1. **Public Comment.**

None.

2. **Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held on May 14, 2014.**

Duane Downing motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held on May 14, 2014 as presented. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

3. **Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the Tonopah Town Board Budget Hearing FY14/15 held May 16, 2014**

Duane Downing motioned to approve the minutes from the Budget Hearing held on May 16, 2014 as presented. Tom Seley seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

4. **Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve amendment #8 of the agreement dated March 4, 2011 between Shaw Engineering and Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities. Amendment #8 is for engineering services to replace 3 VFD's at booster pump station #3, in the amount of \$14,000.00. Funding for this amendment to come from the USDA grant contingency dollars from phase 2 water project.**

Joe Westerlund gave a brief statement regarding the VFD's. He stated they are from 2002 and the average life span for VFD's is 10 to 15 years. He said it is very dusty in the booster pump station and there is construction going on in there. When they jack hammered the floor, no one covered the VFD's. They were having problems with the VFD's in auto mode. They do have them working now but it is difficult going from auto mode to hand (manual) mode.

Duane Downing questioned the engineering amount. He stated with the parts being \$3000.00 and the rest going to engineering and administration didn't seem quite right. James Eason explained this is an extension of the contract that will be done in June and then it is going back out to bid as they are not going to use the same contractor.

Horace Carlyle asked if there had been any vibrations. Joe Westerlund replied that there had not.

Duane Downing motioned to approve amendment #8 of the agreement dated March 4, 2011 between Shaw Engineering and Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities in the amount of \$14,000.00 with funds for this amendment to come from the USDA grant contingency dollars from phase 2 water project. Tom Seley seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

5. **Discussion, deliberation and possible approval to advertise to bid for replacement of three variable frequency drives (VFD's) at booster station #2 with funding to come from USDA grant funds.**

Duane Downing motioned to advertise to bid for replacement of three variable frequency drives (VFD's) at booster station #2 with funding to come from USDA grant funds. Janet Hatch seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

6. **Deliberation, discussion and possible action to approve use of rodeo grounds arena for Team Roping Club. They will need to keep steers at arena, may use lighting once in awhile and water for steers and dust control.**

Mike Metzger, Monty Stevens and James Maley were present from the Team Roping Club. They stated they have limited funds as there are only about 6-7 people in the Club at this time but they hope to get the community involved. They had concerns regarding the electric and water bills as they are already paying to rent the steers as well as feed them and their horses.

Horace Carlyle wanted to check with Pool/Pact to make sure the amount of insurance was sufficient. James Eason stated he will send the information to Eason Insurance who will send it on to Pool/Pact, but as for additional coverage, the Team Roping Club would be responsible for that.

James Eason explained to the Team Roping Club that they would be responsible for keeping the grounds groomed and cleaned and ready for the next person to come in. He also asked them for a schedule. Tom Seley and James Eason discussed some of the repairs that need to be done and decided to go out there together in the near future to see what exactly needs to be done at the arena. The Town Board expressed they would like to see more use of the rodeo grounds as the more usage they have the more they can justify spending money on it to fix it up.

Duane Downing motioned to approve use of the rodeo grounds arena contingent on the Use and Maintenance Agreement being signed and approved and the review of Pool/Pact on the Use and Maintenance Agreement for Team Roping Club. Janet Hatch seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

7. **Deliberation, discussion and possible action to approve 5/8ths Room Tax Grant to advertise and promote Jim Butler Days in the amount of \$3,954.64 by the Jim Butler Days Committee**

Joe and Lisa Westerlund presented themselves as part of the Jim Butler Days Committee. Mr. Westerlund explained that Butler Days had a great turn out for all the events. The parade was bigger than ever. The pageants, the arm wrestling and mining events were well received.

Duane Downing made a motion to approve the 5/8ths room tax grant to advertise and promote Jim Butler Days in the amount of \$3,954.64. Janet Hatch seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

8. **Deliberation, discussion and possible action to approve 5/8ths Room tax Grant in the amount of \$399.00 for Rotary Club of Tonopah to advertise and promote the Dave Stamey concert.**

Joe and Lisa Westerlund were present to represent Joni Eastly of the Rotary Club. They stated the concert had at least 100 people in attendance, several from out of Town and were impressed with the crowd turn out.

Duane Downing asked why they were only asking for \$399.00 when the total cost of the project was \$499.00. Lisa Westerlund explained that \$100.00 was for a poster which they paid for.

Duane Downing motioned to approve the 5/8ths room tax grant in the amount of \$399.00 for Rotary Club of Tonopah to advertise and promote the Dave Stamey concert. Tom Seley seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

James Eason asked what revenue was generated from the sale of tickets, as in the past that is what paid for advertising future events. Lisa Westerlund explained that the Rotary helped sponsor and sell the tickets. Funds from ticket sales paid to host events such as the pageant and talent show yet they created no revenue. She said a lot of these events are at complete cost to the committee. They do not have their budget figures yet but she didn't believe there was much revenue generated. The band on Friday night cost \$1,200.00. The Mizpah helped sponsor the band by putting them up on Friday night and the TLC and Clubhouse paid \$300.00 each for the band.

Mr. Eason suggested to the Board that next year they look at putting a line item in the budget to support Jim Butler Days. That way they can budget for some of the requests and costs that come in. Horace Carlyle thought that was a great idea and would give them more latitude to support the events.

Lisa Westerlund explained that she and Joe have run the arm wrestling event for about six years and this year it cost them \$5,000.00 out of pocket and about the same last year. They do not have big sponsors they have a bunch of little sponsors. Horace Carlyle stated he could not show enough respect or appreciation for what Lisa and Joe have done for this event.

Duane Downing stated from a law enforcement perspective that Jim Butler Days went so smooth and so much better than it has in the past. He stated there were very few problems.

9. **Deliberation, discussion and possible action regarding appointment of Chief Financial Officer for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.**

Duane Downing motioned to nominate Chris Mulkerns as Chief Financial Officer for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Janet Hatch seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

10. **Tonopah Development Corporation**

No action taken by the Board.

11. **Town Board Member's/Department Manager's/Nye County Commissioner's Comments.**

James Eason asked if the Board Members read and understood the report by Joe Westerlund. The Board stated that they had and liked the format. Mr. Westerlund explained that on the rail system that they have, the motors are at least 30 years old and the expert he spoke with said they usually don't last more than 10 years.

Mr. Eason stated the outside of the Convention Center has been painted, the old firehouse is being painted now and they will be moving to the Mining Park next. They are waiting on a quote to get the doors fixed. One of the air conditioning units went out during the arm wrestling tournament in the Convention Center so they will be calling HVAC to get that fixed.

Mr. Eason stated he has filled out the paperwork for the Water District as he has submitted to be a representative, he didn't know at this time if he will get it.

The pool is scheduled to open June 10, 2014. All of the classes for swim lessons have been filled. Four to five of the lifeguards will be attending a pool operator class. Town and TPU employees will be attending an electrical training class in Las Vegas.

Horace Carlyle wanted to know if they had any customers for the re-use water. Mr. Eason replied not yet, and they have not approached the County as yet but they hope to have the cemetery as their first customer. They have let people know that it is available, every time they have a contractor come in they let them know. They have also spoke with mining companies because they use a lot of water when drilling but they are not allowed to use re-use water.

Mr. Eason explained that two years ago when they received the other fire truck from Nye County they did a trade with a 1978 rescue truck to be given to search and rescue. The title had never been signed over so Mr. Eason asked Mr. Carlyle to sign the title so it could be transferred over.

Mr. Carlyle wanted to thank Town Staff for the trouble and effort on their part for the codification of traffic fines. He also wanted to thank them for their work on the GSA issues and getting letters off to the appropriate legislatures to try to get that reopened. He was also pleased with their work on the OHV issue and trying to get something done with that.

12. **Closure of meeting, pursuant to NRS 288.220 for purposes of conferring with Town's Management Representative regarding labor negotiation issues, and other personnel issues.**

No action taken by the Board.

13. **Closed meeting, Pursuant to NRS 288.220 for purposes of conferring with Town's Management Representative regarding labor negotiation issues, and other personnel matters presented in the closed meeting**

No action taken by the Board.

14. **Deliberation, discussion and possible decision on labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters presented in the closed**

No action taken by the Board.

15. **Correspondence**

Nye County Agenda Information Form, May 21, 2014
Round Mountain Town Board Meeting Agenda, May 27, 2014
Nye County Animal Advisory Committee Agenda, May 29, 2014
Pahrump Town Board Agenda, May 27, 2014
Shaw Engineering, Engineering Services Proposal, May 20, 2014
Letter to Nye County District Attorney re: Slime Wash, May 27, 2014
Letters to Legislatures re: GSA, May 28, 2014

16. **Public Comment**

Alisha Brown was present to express her concerns with the Team Roping Club using the rodeo grounds. She was worried about comments that were made about loosening up the dirt and making it deeper. She said it is not a slick arena and making it deeper could bring up rocks and cause injuries to horses. She said she has had problems in the past with people driving in pulling roping dummies while she is riding her horse. She also had concerns with scheduling and where a schedule might be posted.

Mr. Eason explained that they would make sure an appropriate drag gets used to avoid making it too deep. They would also make a schedule that could be posted at the arena when the Team Roping Club would be there and when it would be open to the general public to avoid conflicts. Tom Seley said he would not want to see anyone try to make it exclusive just for their group. There needs to be adequate time for everyone to use it in a reasonable setting.

17. **Approval of vouchers for payment**

The Board reviewed and signed the vouchers. Duane Downing motion to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

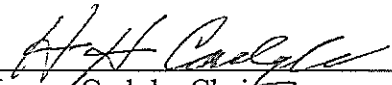
18. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.


Minutes transcribed by:

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Approved:



Horace Carlyle, Chairman



Duane Downing, Vice Chairman

Ron Kipp, Clerk

Tom Seley, Member



Janet Hatch, Member